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Applicant: Pieper, et al.  
Serial No.: 09/977,358  
Filed: October 16, 2001  
For: IMMUNOSUBTRACTION METHOD

Examiner: Venci, David J.  
Group Art Unit: 1641

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Sir:

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Responsive to the Final Office Action mailed September 12, 2006 in the above-referenced case, entry of the Amendments presented below, and consideration of the following Remarks is respectfully requested:

Amendments to the Claims is reflected in the Listing of Claims that begins on page 2 of this paper; and

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

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Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-referenced application, please find the following documents:

- 1) Response to Office Action Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 (20 pages);
- 2) This Transmittal (1 page).

Kindly acknowledge receipt of the attached document by return facsimile transmission.

Thank you for your kind attention to this request.

Respectfully Submitted,

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